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DAMPER DISK ASSEMBLY	:	

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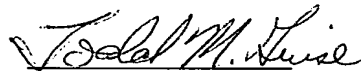
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German Patent Publication No. DE-4026765 is believed to be equivalent to GB Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2247299, a copy of which is provided as a translation.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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